

## CAMINI KUMAR

Year of call  
2008



Camini Kumar's practice focuses on the financial consequences of relationship breakdown and private children law. She is frequently instructed on concurrent proceedings between the same parties.

Camini is a qualified Arbitrator (MCI Arb) and available to conduct arbitrations in both financial and children matters and, where appropriate, both together. Camini also conducts private FDRs.

### LEGAL EXPERTISE

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#### Family Finance

Camini has particular expertise in financial disputes and acts in divorces, cohabitation claims and applications under Schedule 1 and Part III. Her cases frequently involve cross-jurisdictional assets, businesses and trusts. Camini also acts for third parties seeking to intervene in proceedings and on enforcement applications.

#### Selected Cases

##### Re V (European Maintenance Regulation) [2016] EWHC 668 (Fam)

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## Saward v Saward [2013] EWCA Civ 1060

Application for permission to appeal against a decision of the lower court setting aside a decree nisi made in the English court on the basis that the English court had no jurisdiction to entertain the divorce proceedings. Application refused.

## Children: Private

Camini has extensive experience of acting in complex disputes over arrangements for children, including cases involving parental alienation, domestic abuse and international relocation.

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### H-N (A Child : The Welfare Hearing) [2022] EWFC 148 (05 October 2022)

The court determined the father's applications for the child to live with him and for permission to relocate the child to France. The court refused the father's applications and ordered that the child live with the mother and spend extended periods with the father in France. The court made it a condition of the child arrangements order that the mother enrol the child in mainstream education.

### H-N (the rehearing) [2021] EWFC B98 (05 October 2021)

At a re-hearing of a fact-finding hearing concerning disputed allegations of domestic abuse, following the mother's successful appeal to the Court of Appeal in the case of Re H-N, the court did not find the mother's allegations, beyond those admitted by the father to have been proven.

### Re H-N & Others [2021] EWCA Civ 448

The court was concerned with 4 appeals from orders made in private law Children Act 1989 proceedings each of which involved allegations of domestic abuse. As well as deciding each of the appeals upon well-established legal principles, the court took the opportunity to give some guidance about a number of matters which commonly arise in the Family Court in such cases.

### Re H (A Child) [2020] EWFC B63

### Re B (Foreign Surrogacy) [2016] EWFC 77

Application for a Parental Order where the applicants had separated, where the application was made outside the statutory 6-month timescale and where there was an issue as to the proportionality of the payments made to the surrogate. Application granted.

## International

Camini has acted in jurisdictional disputes, cases involving abandoned spouses, forced marriage and

international surrogacy.

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## Appointments

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- Fee-paid Employment Judge.
- Fee-paid Judge of the First-tier tribunal (Mental Health).

## Memberships

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- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Family Law Bar Association
- Resolution
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Women in Family Law
- Middle Temple

## Education

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- LLM European Legal Studies
- LLB (First Class)
- BA Classics St Hilda's College, Oxford

## Scholarships & Awards

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- Diplock Scholarship
- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize
- Family Law Case of the Year 2021, LexisNexis Family Law Awards